

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) An article comprising a machine-readable medium storing machine-readable instructions that, when executed by the machine, cause the machine to perform the following operations:

enable a sender to input a message;

enable the sender to append an attachment to the message;

enable the sender to designate at least one recipient of a plurality of recipients to receive the message and the attachment;

enable the sender to designate at least one recipient of the plurality of recipients to receive the message without the attachment;

enable each recipient to create and edit a recipient profile, the profile including the recipient's preferences with regard to receipt of prospective attachments; and

transmit the message over a network to the plurality of recipients wherein, the transmission to the at least one recipient of the plurality of recipients to receive the message without the attachment uses less bandwidth of the network than the transmission to the at least one recipient of the plurality recipients to receive the message with the attachment.

7-16. (Canceled)

17. (Previously Presented) An apparatus to transmit electronic mail from a sender to a plurality of recipients comprising:

a port for coupling the apparatus to a network; and

a processor;

wherein the processor is configured to:

enable means for a sender to append an attachment to an electronic mail message;

enable means for the sender to designate at least one recipient to receive the message with the attachment;

enable means for the sender to designate at least one recipient to receive the message without the attachment;

enable means for each recipient to create and edit a recipient profile, the profile including the recipient's preferences with regard to receipt of prospective attachments; and

enable means to transmit the electronic mail message over the network using less bandwidth of the network for the message without the attachment than the message with the attachment.

18-22. (Canceled).

23. (Previously Presented) A method for transmitting electronic mail from a sender to a plurality of recipients, comprising:

inputting a message;

appending an attachment to the message;

designating at least one recipient of the plurality of recipients to receive the message and the attachment;

designating at least one recipient of the plurality of recipients to receive the message without the attachment;

enabling each recipient to create and edit a recipient profile, the profile including the recipient's preferences with regard to receipt of prospective attachments; and
transmitting the message over a network using less bandwidth of the network for the message without the attachment than the message with the attachment.

24-28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently amended) A program-controlled apparatus operable to communicate via e-mail with one or more recipient computers, the apparatus configured to allow a user of the apparatus to perform the following operations:

- input a message;
- append an attachment to the message;
- designate at least one recipient of the plurality of recipients to receive the message and the attachment;
- designate at least one recipient of the plurality of recipients to receive the message without the attachment;
- enable each recipient to create and edit a recipient profile, the profile including the recipient's preferences with regard to prospective receipt of attachments; and
- transmit the message over a network using less bandwidth of the network for the message without the attachment than the message with the attachment.

30-39. (Canceled)

40. (New) The article of claim 6 including instructions that, when executed by the machine, cause the machine to enable the recipient to create and edit a profile that specifies information about prospective attachments that the recipient is unable, or does not wish, to receive.

41. (New) The article of claim 40 including instructions that, when executed by the machine, cause the machine to prevent receipt by the recipient of prospective attachments that the recipient's profile indicates the recipient is unable, or does not wish, to receive.

42. (New) The article of claim 41 including instructions that, when executed by the machine, cause the machine to enable the recipient to create and edit a profile that specifies the recipient is not to receive attachments larger than a specified size.

43. (New) The article of claim 41 including instructions that, when executed by the machine, cause the machine to enable the recipient to create and edit a profile that specifies the recipient is not to receive attachments during a particular time frame.

44. (New) The apparatus of claim 17 wherein the processor is configured to enable means for the recipient to create and edit a profile that specifies information about prospective attachments that the recipient is unable, or does not wish, to receive.

45. (New) The apparatus of claim 44 wherein the processor is configured to prevent receipt by the recipient of prospective attachments that the recipient's profile indicates the recipient is unable, or does not wish, to receive.

46. (New) The apparatus of claim 45 wherein the processor is configured to enable means for the recipient to create and edit a profile that specifies the recipient is not to receive attachments larger than a specified size.

47. (New) The apparatus of claim 45 wherein the processor is configured to enable means for the recipient to create and edit a profile that specifies the recipient is not to receive attachments during a particular time frame.

48. (New) The method of claim 23 including enabling the recipient to create and edit a profile that specifies information about prospective attachments that the recipient is unable, or does not wish, to receive.

49. (New) The method of claim 48 including preventing receipt by the recipient of prospective attachments that the recipient's profile indicates the recipient is unable, or does not wish, to receive.

50. (New) The method of claim 49 including enabling the recipient to create and edit a profile that specifies the recipient is not to receive attachments larger than a specified size.

51. (New) The method of claim 49 including enabling the recipient to create and edit a profile that specifies the recipient is not to receive attachments during a particular time frame.